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MEMO

To:

David Hutchinson-Traffic Engineering

From:

Randy Lyman-Pretreatment Coordinator-Sanitary Sewers

Subject:

Dillons Store-St. Louis & National-Smelly Discharge to Storm Sewer

Complaint from Councilman Dennison

CC:

Councilman Dennison, Jim Fry-Health, file

Date:

September 24, 1997

I made an inspection of the Dillon's store at St. Louis and National regarding Mr. Dennison's complaint at 12:25 today. There was no discharge of foul-smelling liquid discharging while I was there but there was evidence that there had been a discharge recently from their trash compactor at the rear of the building. It appeared that cat litter granules or some type of absorbent had been spread on the smelly discharge in an effort to control the spillage. I observed what appeared to be fly larvae mingled through the absorbent material and experienced a strong, rancid odor. There was no indication of any problem relating to the sanitary sewer. I will route a copy of this memo to Jim Fry with the Health Department. He should be able to remedy the situation through either the Vector Control or Food Establishment Inspection programs that he administers. If any questions arise or I can be of further assistance please let me know.



September 26, 1997

Mr. Mike Reynolds, Store Manager Dillon's Supermarket 1260 E. St. Louis Street Springfield, MO 65802

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

In response to a complaint I visited your facility on September 25, 1997 and talked with Ruth Eads, Assistant Store Manager, regarding a discharge of water onto the concrete lot at the rear of your building and then into the curb and gutter on the south side of St. Louis Street and ultimately into an open storm drainage ditch about one block east of your store property. The complainant indicates that this water sometimes smells and may serve as a breeding ground for mosquitos. Ms. Eads and I discussed that if this drain discharges in cold weather it could freeze and should an accident occur there might be potential liability that could result in a law suit. We also discussed the foul-smelling material that had been discharged from the trash compactor and observed the absorbent used to soak up the spillage that was laden with what appeared to be fly larvae. It appears that better house-keeping would be in order near the north end of the compactor, that the seal for the access door should be checked for integrity, and that scheduled cleaning of the compactor might be helpful in controlling odors from this area. Simply washing the compactor and the area around it and allowing the wash waters to leave the property will not correct the problem or alleviate complaints arising from this activity. Any wash waters resulting from cleanup of this area should be collected and disposed of in an environmentally sound manner, i.e. taken back inside and poured down the drain in the mop room. An outside drain designed to make the discharge from the trash compactor tributary to the City sanitary sewer is not allowed by the City Sewer Use Ordinance (Chapter 30 of the City Code) unless all storm water is diverted by curbing and/or a roof covering the entire area.

Mr. Mike Reynolds, Store Manager Page 2 September 25, 1997

You called me first thing this morning and indicated that the actual source of the waste water discharge we observed yesterday was overflow from a malfunctioning float valve on a seafood steamer in the seafood department. I understand that the malfunctioning valve has been fixed and the discharge has ceased. I talked with Ron Lawson of the Health Department and we concluded that we would prefer that the overflow pipe from the seafood steamer and any cooling system condensate to be tributary to the sanitary sewer rather than discharged to the rear lot. This would require that your facility perform re-piping of these drains to a sanitary sewer at another location within your building. You or your maintenance staff should check with the City of Springfield's Building Development Services Department at 864-1056 before making this change to determine what permitting might be required. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 864-1487.

Sincerely

J. Randall Lyman

Pretreatment Coordinator

cc: Mr. Charlie Dennison, City Councilman

Bob Turner, Building Development Services Department

Bob Schaefer, P.E., Asst. Dir. Of Public Works

Ed Malter, P.E., Supt. of Sanitary Services

Ruth Eads, Asst. Store Manager-Dillon's

Jim Fry, Health Department

Dave Hutchinson, Traffic Engineering

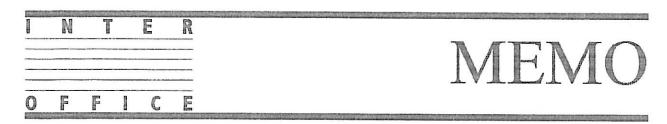
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To:

FILE - DILLON'S, 1260 ST LOUIS

From:

Gene Pabst

Subject:

Inspection of piping changes.

Date:

November 3, 1997

On Friday October 31, 1997 (3:15 P.M.) I stopped by the Dillon's store at 1260 St Louis street to see if they had made the appropriate changes to their piping in order to eliminate a discharge that was eventually draining to St. Louis street. Apparently the water from the steamer, in the seafood section, was discharging out the back of the their building and flowing North to St. Louis street. I talked to Evelyn and she was not sure if the changes had been completed. We went back to the seafood area and talked to Lee Ann and she said that the work was completed. I inspected the changes to their plumbing. They have routed the discharge from the steamer to the mop sink in the janitors closet. This appears to have taken care of the problem. I will continue to monitor the area to see if the problem reoccurs.

1260 St. Louis